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CONFERENCE IN BOARD ROOM

Commissioners Receive Many Visitors After Outlining Plan for New Administration, and Expect to Handle Numerous Subjects at the First Tri-weekly Session.

Unanimous decision was reached yesterday by Commissioners Rudolph and Johnston and Engineer Commissioner Judson in favor of a non-individual policy of handling the business of the District government. Views were exchanged on the subject of policy.

After the conference Commissioner Johnston said that in unity of purpose the best results could be obtained, and that it had been determined to work together.

The first day's work of the new Commissioners was a strenuous one. Commissioners Rudolph and Johnston were early at their desks, as was Engineer Commissioner Judson. There was a conference of the board early in the morning, after which each Commissioner took up the business of his office. There were many callers during the day. Many of the calls were personal.

Delegation Pays a Visit.

Late yesterday afternoon a delegation, composed of former Commissioner M. M. Parker, Harrison Stidham, S. W. Woodward, and J. F. Wilkins, called on the new Commissioners. The nature of their business was not known. E. J. Stillwagon and A. L. Lerner were among the other prominent men calling in the afternoon.

Commissioner Rudolph, accompanied by Commissioners Johnston and Judson, who had been invited as special guests, left the Municipal Building a little after 4 o'clock to attend the reception held by the Commercial Club in honor of Commissioner Rudolph, who is a member of that organization.

The first tri-weekly session of the board will be held in the board room this morning at 10 o'clock. Commissioner Rudolph, chairman of the board, said there was a large batch of official matters to be considered. He said the session might be an executive one, but would be of short duration. He emphasized the fact that these tri-weekly meetings would be open to the public.

It is the purpose of the Commissioners to hold these meetings to facilitate business, enabling any one who may have business with them to make their petitions known. The custom of filing petitions with individual members will be done away with.

Important public hearings scheduled include one on the proposed legislation to regulate the weight of bread in the District. At this hearing Dr. Harvey W. Wiley will be the principal speaker. He will not appear as an official of the national government.

NEW COMMISSIONER HONORED.

Few of the members of the Commercial Club were missing from the clubhouse yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the reception to District Commissioner Rudolph, who was thus honored, for the reason that he was one of the founders of the organization. Although the reception was given especially for Mr. Rudolph, Commissioner Johnston attended as a mark of respect to his colleague.

The affair was entirely informal. President E. C. Graham greeting the members as they entered the parlor, and introducing them to Commissioners Rudolph and Johnston. From 4:30 until after 6 o'clock members were coming and going, and extending their best wishes to the guest of the occasion.

Although many prominent business men of Washington, who are affiliated with the organization have achieved distinction in commercial, fraternal, and other lines, Mr. Rudolph's appointment to a Commissioner is the first instance of a member being honored with a public office.

ESPERANTO DISPUTE AT END

J. W. Cheney Withdraws Charges Against Dr. Reed.

Secretary of National Society Held blameless for Incident at International Congress.

Charges against the methods of Dr. E. C. Reed, secretary of the National Esperanto Society, were withdrawn at a meeting of the Esperanto Society of Washington last night, at which national officers were present. It was shown to have been a case of misunderstanding on the part of those involved.

Accusations were brought against Dr. Reed by J. W. Cheney, a member of the council of the national association.

When Miss Hedwig Reichert, of the German stage, gave a performance at the international congress here and Prof. Arnold Christian, a noted Esperanto teacher, was not invited, he attached blame to Dr. Reed, it is said, as one who was responsible, and from this the charges arose.

Dr. B. F. Schubert was elected a member of the council to the International Congress. Members of the press committee elected were Dr. Schubert, chairman; Miss A. Saunders, and Miss Edith Griffin. A reception committee, consisting of Mrs. S. J. Moore, Miss D. C. Condon, and F. A. Preston, was also elected.

An entertaining programme, arranged by Prof. W. J. Spillman, president of the Washington society, was given. Prof. Spillman spoke, others on the programme were Prof. Cheney, piano solo; I. C. I. Evan, Esperanto reading; Charles W. Stewart, reading; Prof. Norman E. Daley, story to Esperanto; S. M. Stuckland, humorous story; F. M. King, story; Mrs. Steel, an original Esperanto poem, and Prof. Arnold Christian, a talk in Esperanto.

Prof. Cheney taught the members to sing "La Espero," the national hymn of the society.

Leniency for Military Cadets.

The Senate passed a resolution applying to cadets at West Point, against whom there are charges of hazing, new regulations for punishment. Heretofore there has been only one punishment for hazing, which was dismissal. The new regulations give the authorities some discretionary power.

RECRUITING BUSINESS MEN.

Five Committees of North Capitol Association at Work.

The five membership committees appointed by the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, at the Monday night meeting, began work yesterday, and by the next meeting they expect to bring in a crowd of applicants for the rolls.

The question of admitting women to the club is in the hands of a committee, and may be acted upon at the next meeting. It was not taken up for action Monday night.

CHURCH PASTOR TO RETIRE.

Dr. Leech Will Preach Closing Sermon Next Sunday.

Dr. Samuel Vanderlip Leech, of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, will deliver his closing sermon next Sunday morning and give place to the new pastor, Dr. C. F. Steck.

The church, in various ways, has expressed to Dr. Leech its gratitude and appreciation. Its growth has been so steady that the members have already subscribed the full \$2,000 for Dr. Steck's salary for his first year.

BUILDERS ASK RAISE

Use Suasion Instead of Strike Methods in District.

THREE THOUSAND AFFECTED

Want Saturday Half-holiday and Increase of Twenty-two Per Cent to Cope with Food Prices—Negotiations Expected to Result Favorable. Mill Workers Expect Raise.

Three thousand carpenters and joiners, who make up Local No. 132, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, the largest building trades organization in the city, have opened negotiations with the Master Builders' Association and all employing builders for the establishment of a Saturday half holiday and the increase in pay of 5 cents an hour, or a forty-four-hour week at 55 cents an hour, making the standard wage scale \$3.20 a week. Argument is advanced by the carpenters for the Saturday half holiday and the slight increase in pay that is in force in all of the larger cities of the country and many of the smaller towns, where the employers have granted the concession asked for, and in a number of instances voluntarily made by master builders.

A prominent builder remarked yesterday that if all the master builders felt toward the carpenters as he did there would be no trouble in fixing the Saturday half holiday and the increase in their pay, as requested.

Prices Curtail Wages.

He said that by reason of the great advance in the cost of living the curtailment of the purchasing power of a dollar had to that extent reduced the wages of skilled mechanics, and he believed they should be paid more money; that in the future contractors, in making their estimates, would take into consideration the Saturday half holiday and advance in wages and make the people building homes pay the bill.

"The carpenter," said Thomas Iglehart, secretary of the local, "is the most underpaid skilled mechanic in the building trades." He has to furnish more costly tools than any other tradesman, and his wages have been increased in less proportion than any other craft.

"It is strongly in our favor," said Secretary Iglehart, "that whenever we want to better our conditions we take the matter up with the employing contractors, and never jump into a hysteria and go on strike and leave our employer in the lurch. We always safeguard the contractor in this way in making future estimates."

Mill Workers Expect Raise.

"The mill workers, who are a part of our organization, are negotiating with the mill operators for an increase over the present mill scale of wages. All the mills in the city are operated by union labor. As all the mill operators are fair to the mill workers, they believe that the advance of 22 per cent in their wages and the granting of the Saturday half-holiday will be given them. This would mean that all skilled machine hands, wood turners, frame makers, cabinet makers, and bench hands will be advanced in proportion from the present scale paid. As one mill worker put it, in forming the proposed scale which we have submitted to the mill operators, we have looked after the employers' interests, which are our interests, as well as those of the mill workers."

If successful, the agreement would go into effect with the opening of the spring building season.

BOYS' BRIGADE GIVE PLAY.

Entertainment at Parish Hall Witnessed by Large Crowd.

The Boys' Brigade, of Christ's Protestant Episcopal Church, in East Washington, gave a benefit performance last evening at parish hall.

The first part of the programme was devoted to a playlet by Antony A. Sousa, entitled "The Art of Proposing." It proved both clever in construction and laughable in situations, and those who assumed the various parts exhibited surprising talent.

"College Days," a typical college farce, was well rendered, the songs being both catchy and appropos.

Fred Kirby was stage manager, Beulah Hopkins piano accompanist, and those taking part besides Mr. Sousa, as director, were Eugene C. Wann, R. L. Hunter, Jr.; C. P. Hardy, J. Westcott Miller, R. O. Kerby, H. A. Koger, William Umbau, A. E. Hutchinson, Miss Isabel Martin, Miss Helen Wann, Miss Mary Kerby, Miss Lorraine Espita, Miss Caroline Stealy, Earle Hutchinson, and C. R. Hardy.

Purchases Steamship Company.

Mr. Harris, American consul general at Smyrna, has notified the State Department, that Charles J. Misir, an American, has purchased the Hadji Daoud Farkouh Steamship Company, which owns eight steamers, trading in the Levant.

Otis Place Residence Sold.

The two-story brick residence at 1546 Otis place northwest has been sold to William Bankes, with the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Company, for his home. It was built several months ago by Harry Wardman, the builder. The consideration in the transaction was \$3,500.

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LECTURES ON CHURCH MUSIC.

Prof. Whiddit Tells of Origin of Religious Hymns.

Prof. William W. Whiddit, choirmaster and organist, delivered a unique lecture on church music at the eleventh Brotherhood meeting of the First Congregational Church Monday night.

He traced the development of religious music from early days, and the origin and history of many famous hymns and oratorios. Especially interesting was his description of the development of the organ as an aid to worship. He illustrated and emphasized his points by singing selections.

Dr. Woodrow, pastor, gave a brief talk on the help which the Brotherhood can be to missions, and particularly in reference to the recent meeting of the home missionary board in New York City. Routine business was transacted and refreshments served. Dr. Stuart C. Johnson, president of the Brotherhood, presided.

SENATE DOORKEEPER BURIED.

Attended by Union Veterans, the body of Charles E. Hooks, the aged doorkeeper of the Senate, was buried yesterday morning in Arlington National Cemetery. Services were held at St. James' Church at 10 o'clock in charge of the officials of the Union Veteran Legion of the District and of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R.

CATHOLICS TO MEET.

The Catholics of Capitol Heights and vicinity will hold a mass meeting on Sunday at 4:30 p. m. in the Capitol Heights town hall. The object of the meeting is to raise funds to build a church. The Rev. Father Schwallenberg, pastor of St. Margaret's Church, Seat Pleasant Heights, will preside.

LAW STUDENTS TO DEBATE.

Senior and junior debaters of the Georgetown Law School will face the District franchise question tonight at Gaston Hall. The juniors will have the affirmative side.

NEGRO TRIES TO WRECK TRAIN

Track Walker Finds Ties Piled on Pennsylvania Railroad Track.

Thomas A. Grant, former inmate of St. Elizabeth's, said he wanted to have some fun.

Only the timely discovery Monday night of the act of an insane negro, near Landover, Md., on the Pennsylvania Railroad, prevented the wrecking of two passenger trains. The attempt to wreck the trains was discovered by Charles J. Suit, track walker.

Thomas A. Grant, a former inmate of the Government Asylum for the Insane, St. Elizabeth's, a negro, with a police record, has been arrested charged with the crime. He was picked up in Twining City by Policeman Alvin G. Ogilvie, of the Eleventh precinct.

Track walker Suit said that at 11:30 o'clock Monday night he was going over his section ahead of the Pittsburgh incoming express and the outgoing Pacific express, when near Landover he found heavy railroad ties piled on the tracks. A blinding snowstorm obstructed the tracks twenty feet away. With great difficulty and unaided he removed the ties.

When found early yesterday morning wandering about the streets of Twining City by Policeman Ogilvie, Grant told the policeman he had been out in the country "to have some fun trying to wreck a train." He was locked up, and yesterday admitted he had placed the ties on the tracks. Grant is forty-three years old, and has served a sentence in the penitentiary. He is a native of Warren, Va.

Grant was sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital for observation to determine if he is insane. He will, in all probability, be returned to St. Elizabeth's.

PLACES OF INTEREST.

Library of Congress—Open 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on secular days; from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. on Sundays and on certain holidays.

Public Library—Open 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; holidays, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; Sundays, 2 to 9 p. m.

White House—Open 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

United States Courthouse—Open 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. (except on holidays).

State, War, and Navy Departments—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. (The original Declaration of Independence is in the library at the State Department).

United States Treasury—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

United States Patent Office—Open 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

United States Pension Bureau—Open 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

United States Post-office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Washington City Post-office—Open all hours. (The Dead Letter Office is in the city post-office).

National Botanic Garden—Open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Fish Commission—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Army Medical Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

National Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays).

Agricultural Department—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Open 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Washington Monument (23rd floor in height)—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (Elevator runs from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.).

Smithsonian Institution—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays).

Government Printing Office—Open 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Navy Yard—Open 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Southwest Cottage, 30th St. and Prospect Ave.

Key Mansion—Home of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," 233 M street northwest. Open daily, except Sunday, 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Admission free.

IN THE SUBURBS.

Zoological Park—Open all day.

Rock Creek Bridge and Park.

Cherry Chase and Kensington.

Navy Observatory—Open 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Mount Vernon (the home and tomb of Washington)—Open 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

United States Soldiers' Home—Open 9 a. m. to sunset.

Chain and Sprocket Club Dine.

The Chain and Sprocket Club of Washington gave a smoker last night at the Reisterstown. President Smith was toastmaster, and twenty-five members enjoyed the evening smoking and listening to jests.

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